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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 659

Introduced by Assembly Member Nazarian

February 21, 2013

An act to amend Section ~~1620~~ 51226.3 of the Education Code, relating to ~~county educational agencies~~ *pupil instruction*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 659, as amended, Nazarian. ~~County educational agencies: county school service fund budgets: posting online. Pupil instruction: Armenian Genocide.~~

Existing law requires the State Department of Education to incorporate materials relating to civil rights, human rights violations, genocide, slavery, and the Holocaust into publications that provide examples of curriculum resources, consistent with the subject frameworks on history and social science and other requirements. Under existing law, the Legislature encourages the incorporation of survivor, rescuer, liberator, and witness testimony into the teaching of human rights, genocide, and the Holocaust.

This bill would also require the incorporation of materials related to the Armenian Genocide into those publications, and would require the Armenian Genocide to be considered in the next cycle in which the history/social science curriculum framework and its accompanying instructional materials are adopted. The bill would also specify that the Legislature encourages the incorporation of an oral history component specifically related to genocide, including, but not limited

to, the Darfur, Rwandan, Cambodian, and Armenian genocides, and the Jewish Holocaust, and would require testimony incorporated into an oral history component to consist only of first-hand accounts of significant historical events presented in a specified format.

Existing law requires the county board of education to hold a public hearing on the proposed county school service fund budget for that fiscal year. Existing law further requires that the agenda for that hearing be posted at least 72 hours prior to the hearing and that it include the location where the budget will be available for inspection.

This bill would authorize the county board of education to post the proposed budget on its Internet Web site for public inspection.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 51226.3 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:

3 51226.3. (a) ~~The State Department of Education~~ department
4 shall ~~incorporate~~, incorporate into publications that provide
5 examples of curriculum resources for teacher ~~use~~, use those
6 materials developed by publishers of nonfiction, trade books, and
7 primary sources, or other public or private organizations, that are
8 age-appropriate and consistent with the subject frameworks on
9 history and social science that deal with civil rights, human rights
10 violations, genocide, slavery, ~~and the Holocaust, and the Armenian~~
11 Genocide.

12 (b) The Legislature encourages the incorporation of survivor,
13 rescuer, liberator, and witness testimony into the teaching of human
14 rights, genocide, ~~and the Holocaust, and the Armenian Genocide.~~

15 (c) (1) The Legislature encourages the incorporation of an oral
16 history component specifically related to genocide, including, but
17 not limited to, the Darfur, Rwandan, Cambodian, and Armenian
18 genocides, and the Jewish Holocaust.

19 (2) As used in this subdivision, testimony incorporated into an
20 oral history component shall consist only of first-hand accounts
21 of significant historical events presented in a format that includes,
22 but is not limited to, in-person testimony, video, or a multimedia
23 option, such as a DVD or online video.

24 (e)

1 (d) The Legislature encourages all state and local professional
2 development activities to provide teachers with content background
3 and resources to assist in teaching about civil rights, human rights
4 violations, genocide, slavery, ~~and the Holocaust, and the Armenian~~
5 *Genocide*.

6 ~~(d)~~

7 (e) The Legislature encourages all state and local professional
8 development activities to provide teachers with content background
9 and resources to assist in teaching about the Great Irish Famine of
10 1845–50.

11 ~~(e)~~

12 (f) The Great Irish Famine of 1845–50 *and the Armenian*
13 *Genocide* shall be considered in the next cycle in which the
14 history/social science curriculum framework and its accompanying
15 instructional materials are adopted.

16 ~~(f)~~

17 (g) The Model Curriculum for Human Rights and Genocide
18 adopted by the ~~State Board of Education~~, *state board*, pursuant to
19 Section 51226, shall be made available to schools in grades 7 to
20 12, inclusive, as soon as funding is available for this purpose. In
21 addition, the ~~State Department of Education~~ *department* shall make
22 the curriculum available on its *Internet* Web site.

23 SECTION 1. Section 1620 of the Education Code is amended
24 to read:

25 1620. ~~On or before July 1 of each fiscal year, the county board~~
26 ~~of education shall hold a public hearing on the proposed county~~
27 ~~school service fund budget for that fiscal year (the “budget year”).~~
28 ~~The public hearing shall be held before the adoption of the budget~~
29 ~~by the county board of education, and shall occur not less than~~
30 ~~three days following the availability of the proposed budget for~~
31 ~~public inspection. The agenda for that hearing shall be posted at~~
32 ~~least 72 hours before the hearing and shall include the location of~~
33 ~~where the budget will be available for inspection. The county board~~
34 ~~of education may post the proposed budget on its Internet Web~~
35 ~~site for public inspection. At the hearing, a taxpayer directly~~
36 ~~affected by the county school service fund budget may appear~~
37 ~~before the county board of education and speak on the proposed~~
38 ~~budget or an item therein.~~

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